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Ag Business Will Look Favorably on Feinstein-Harris Farmworker Bill
By Joel Fox

In an effort to assure that California's enormous agricultural industry has the workers it needs, California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris co-authored with colleagues a bill to prevent alien farmworkers from being deported and, in fact, allow them to work toward citizenship. Expect the state's agriculture businesses to be sympathetic to the bill.
That hasn't occurred, yet. A press release issued by Sen. Feinstein with the introduction of the bill included a list of endorsers. On the list are a number of Latino and Hispanic groups, farm worker organizations and progressive associations. No business group is on the roll.
However, California's prominent agriculture business association, Western Growers, offered guarded support for the direction the bill is moving. Western Growers President and CEO Tom Nassif released this statement: "With the introduction of immigration legislation, the Senate elevates an issue often overlooked in the immigration reform debate: Retention of the existing agricultural workforce. To reform our broken immigration system, Congress must pass bipartisan solutions that acknowledge the contributions and value of current farmworkers while also creating a workable program to enable the future flow of labor to American farms."

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California's Propaganda Warriors Have Work To Do
By Anthony York

If California really is the heart of the Trump Resistance, our state's propaganda warriors have some work to do.
While showdowns over climate policy and sanctuary cities mark the political skirmishes of the day, there is a broader battle to be waged. It falls to all of us — across the political spectrum — who were dismayed by the rise of Trumpism to do more than simply "resist." If we want an alternative to Trumpism to take hold, it is our responsibility to articulate a coherent, realistic and palatable message and plan for our future.
That's no easy task. The problems facing our nation, including California, are complex. I have tried in this space to explore and hash out some of our state's most pressing issues in an honest, and clear-eyed way. The hope is to continue a conversation that can help develop understanding of our challenges and help policy makers make more informed decisions about the future of our state.

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Would Trump Actually Consider Resignation?
By Richard Rubin

It is difficult to imagine someone who has reached the pinnacle of world power resigning from the most coveted position our nation offers.
But if the conversation begins to go there, you can be sure Californians will be involved in the mix.

There has been only one resignation in the 229 years since the creation of the Republic, and that was Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president, who surrendered his office officially on August 9, 1974. Had he chosen to remain and face trial in the Senate, impeachment was a near certainty. It so happens Nixon was also a Californian who as a U.S. Senator and then a Vice President under Dwight Eisenhower knew something about politics.
The circumstances which drove him to this momentous decision stemmed from the now infamous break-in at the Democratic National Committee's headquarters in Washington D.C.'s Watergate building and the subsequent cover-up.

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The Arrogance of Blue America
By Joel Kotkin

In the wake of the Trumpocalypse, many in the deepest blue cores have turned on those parts of America that supported the president's election, developing oikophobia—an irrational fear of their fellow citizens.
The rage against red America is so strong that The New York Time's predictably progressive Nick Kristoff says his calls to understand red voters were "my most unpopular idea." The essential logic—as laid out in a particularly acerbic piece in The New Republic—is that Trump's America is not only socially deplorable, but economically moronic as well. The kind-hearted blue staters have sent their industries to the abodes of the unwashed, and taken in their poor, only to see them end up "more bitter, white, and alt-right than ever."
The red states, by electing Trump, seem to have lost any claim on usually wide-ranging progressive empathy. Frank Rich, theater critic turned pundit, turns up his nose at what he calls "hillbilly chic." Another leftist author suggests that working-class support for Brexit and Trump means it is time "to dissolve" the "more than 150-year-old alliance between the industrial working class and what one might call the intellectual-cultural Left."

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